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HUFFINGTON'S LATEST TV AD ISN'T TOTALLY TRUE.

Editor's note: L.A. Times political reporter Dave Leshner's accurate Feb. 20th analysis about U.S. Rep. Michael Huffington's U.S. Senate campaign and his latest 30-sec. TV ad is worth reading, if you haven't already. **HOWEVER**, the ad itself is *not completely true*. Here's our report & commentary...

...Huffington is trying hard to play down his wealth and the perception he buys anything he wants, including a congressional seat. In his latest TV ad, Huffington says in part, "I didn't grow up rich. We were middle class. *I went to public schools, then Stanford.*" That last statement is not completely accurate...

...Perhaps Huffington attended K-8 public schools in Texas, but for high school, from 1961-65, Huffington attended one of the nation's most prestigious and outstanding private prep schools -- the Culver Military Academy in Culver, Indiana. If you look closely at the TV ad, you'll see a young Michael Huffington in a track outfit with a letter "C" on his t-shirt. And after Stanford he went to Harvard for an MBA --- just to be totally accurate...

...Where did CALPEEK come up with this info? Not from U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein(D) nor from any of Huffington's GOP primary rivals. The info came from Culver. Back on Oct. 4, 1993, the highly regarded school faxed CALPEEK a 4-page release about Huffington "making a sentimental sojourn back to the nationally known military academy from which he graduated" to preside at the Oct. 1st dedication of a new campus library named for him and his family. Huffington and his family contributed \$5 million to the library...

...So based upon this information, Huffington had to know that what he was saying in his ad was incorrect. So why did he and his media team do this? It's all part

of a multi-million dollar image building campaign to make Huffington look like a rather *ordinary* guy instead of the wealthy person that he is. He spent \$5 million on his House race in 1992 and may spend \$20 million of his own money in this campaign. FYI: Former Congressman Bill Dannemeyer of Orange Co. officially announced his candidacy for the Senate on Feb. 23...

FULL METAL JACKET: WILL THE KILLING OF AN LAPD COP HAVE A MAJOR POLITICAL IMPACT??

Editor's note: In the early morning of Feb. 22, a 17-year-old high school student went on a rampage, killing his father and later killing rookie LAPD Officer Christy Hamilton, before taking his own life. The weapon used was an AR-15 semi-automatic ASSAULT RIFLE. Here is CALPEEK's report & analysis...

...Most sources think the killing of Officer Hamilton will have an immediate impact on three (3) different political areas: 1) the April 12th recall of State Sen. David Roberti(D-Van Nuys); 2) pending legislation in Sacto dealing with guns; and 3) an initiative that would totally ban ASSAULT WEAPONS...

...The **RECALL** first. You can almost visualize the hit mailings that Demo consultant Clint Reilly will be sending out in the weeks ahead to defend his client, State Sen. David Roberti(D-Van Nuys), who is the subject of an April 12th recall organized in large part by PRO-GUN advocates -- many of whom were outraged with Roberti's authorship of a 1989 law which *bans assault weapons*. In fact, except for the recall advocates, most sources say that's what this recall is all about --- to get even with Roberti for his bill banning assault weapons. Most sources think this incident will cause voters to be more inclined to support Roberti and be against the recall than before. If nothing else, the killing of Officer Hamilton has helped the unaware voting public to focus

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on this subject and on the recall...

...Interestingly, recall advocates had a news conference in Sacto on Feb. 23rd, where they released polling results (sample size 351, Feb. 15-17 by Meta Information Services) which shows voters rejecting the recall by a narrow 32% to 29% margin. When "push" questions are added to the survey, the recall succeeds. However, according to Val Smith of Meta, "Roberti's 'vital signs' don't look too bad. Some of his vital signs approached the safe category." The poll showed Roberti with 77% soft name ID and a 2-to-1 favorable to unfavorable ratio...

...As for **LEGISLATION** dealing with guns, not withstanding a recent L.A. Times story about the perceived power of the **gun lobby** to kill gun legislation on the Assembly Floor, the fact is that *none of the bills mentioned* in the Carl Ingram story are being supported by the Assembly Demo gun gurus, Irwin Nowick and Bill Cavala. When they get involved, the bill is worked and all Demos are consulted --- guaranteeing at least 42 votes. One such example was Mike Gotch's AB 1818, dealing with safety mechanisms on guns...

...And finally, an **INITIATIVE** by S.F. DA Arlo Smith has just been given the OK to collect names. The measure would make it a felony for any person (other than police) to keep, possess, make, import, distribute or sell firearms classified as "assault weapons." The official title of Smith's initiative is "**Gun Control. Assault/Military-Style Weapons Ban.**" Smith has until July 7 to collect 384,974 signatures, but to get on the November 1994 ballot, the signatures have to be submitted by April 22nd. It would be a miracle if this qualified, because Smith does not have the money to hire professional help with qualification. Sources say this situation could change in the next two weeks because Smith will put on a major push to get the funding. There are some Demos who don't want this measure on the November ballot, fearing a repeat of 1982. There was a gun control initiative on the ballot that year and many think it caused a heavier than usual conservative turnout and it probably cost Tom Bradley the governorship. Stay tuned...

1994: UPDATE ON RUN FOR STATEWIDE OFFICES

Editor's note: Here are a few items of interest regarding the June 1994 primary...

- **Governor** - Demo Treas. Kathleen Brown sent a 14-page fax to all Calif. political reporters about Sacto BEE reporter Michael G. Wagner's well written 3-part series about CA insurance ripoffs & regulators. While most of the problems with "offshore" health & auto insurance ripoffs took place before John Garamendi became insurance commissioner in 1991, Big John doesn't escape criticism, especially in Part III, where the headline reads, "State agency overseeing failed insurers misused funds." As savvy Brown spin doctor Michael Reese says, don't look for this story to show up in Garamendi Gram #23...
 - **Attorney General** - Demo Assemblyman Tom Umberg of Orange Co. is now an official candidate. He formally announced Feb. 17th...
 - **Double Dipping Correction** - We goofed last week. Demo Assemblyman Burt Margolin only filed a Declaration of Intent for insurance commissioner...
 - **Controller** - BoE Chair Brad Sherman(D) issued a statement on Feb. 18 explaining why he filed Declarations of Intent for Controller and 3 BoE seats. He says he is looking at all four options. And he's conducting a survey so that he'll have some idea as to whether he can win the controller's race. As to why he filed for 3 BoE seats, that was done because Sherman's old seat took in all 3 areas, So. Calif., Central Valley and the Bay Area. With David Roberti surprising Sherman and others by filing for Sherman's So. Calif. seat, Sherman felt he had to look at the other BoE areas which he represented...
-FYI: Demo businesswoman Kathleen Connell of L.A. has released a survey by her pollster Diane Feldman taken Jan. 31 to Feb. 2, among 800 likely Demo primary voters. Connell had a 1 pt. lead on all her Demo rivals --- and all candidates were in single digits. But when probable ballot titles were added, Connell jumped to 21%, with Assemblyman Rusty Areias at 8%, Sherman 7% and Alameda Co. Sup. Don Perata 6%. This poll may explain Sherman's decision to look at other options. Stay tuned...

ORANGE CO. DEMO CONVENTION MAR. 4 & 5.

The Orange Co. Democratic Party will host a 2-day convention Mar. 4 & 5 at the Grand Hotel in Anaheim. Most of the action will take place on Saturday, Mar. 5, when Demo gubernatorial candidates Brown & Garamendi will address delegates. Cost is \$25. For info, Maureen Drucker (714)544-7794...

CALPEEK's ETCETERA: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

● **Nolan Pleads Guilty, Gets Deal** - Former GOP Assembly Leader Pat Nolan of Glendale took the deal offered by the Feds and pled guilty to "conducting his Assembly office as a racketeering enterprise." The whole thing caught lots of insiders off guard. Nolan has resigned from the Assembly and now there's a mad scramble for his 43rd A.D. seat. Republicans who signed up to run against Nolan prior to his resignation were Peter Repovich, an 11-year LAPD vet and a 1981 graduate from USC; Taryn McNatt-Lorimer; and Matthew Collins. Repovich has hired NY-based GOP consultant Arthur Finkelstein. Demos who have signed up to run include former U.S. atty. Adam Schiff and community activist Ken Kulpa. The district leans Republican and without Nolan to beat up on, it may be a difficult win for Demos. FYI: remember, at this point there will not only be a primary and general, but a special election as well. What a waste of money...

● **Where's Carpenter?** - Ever since Paul Carpenter jumped bail after his political corruption conviction, the question has been -- where is he hiding?? Here are some responses from CALPEEK readers. Jerry Pierson of Englander, Wooldridge Pierson & Co. writes, "A 'Carp' sighting at Lillehammer, Norway...Tom Hall of The Maverick Group says, "I have solid insider info that an electronic transfer of \$1,842 from the State of CA to Carpenter was sent to a bank in George Town, Grand Cayman. Since that Caribbean nation's capital is so public, it's my belief he can be found on the far side of the island in the quaint but aptly named village of Hell."...Francine Oschin from L.A. Councilman Hal Bernson's office says, "Remember all that property that John Vesco had in Costa Rica before the government sent him a 1-way ticket to the Caymen Islands --- Carpenter has subleased one of the big houses from Vesco and will begin studying the *effects of manure on the*

native flora and fauna of the rain forest" ...And CALPEEK's co-publisher Mel Horowitz says, "Carpenter's disappearance has given a whole new meaning to the political term *Search Committee*." FAX your theories on where PC is hiding to (310)657-4340...

SEVERAL MORE COUNTY SHERIFFS TO RETIRE.

Editor's note: CALPEEK sources report that 3 more CA County Sheriffs will **not** seek reelection in 1994. That brings the total number of incumbent sheriffs not running to six(6). Here is our update...

...Among the incumbent sheriffs not seeking reelection are Solano Co.'s Albert Cardoza, Santa Cruz Co.'s Alfred Noren and Nevada Co.'s appointed sheriff, Paul Rankin. Rankin replaced William L. Heafey, who retired last year. Of this group, Cardoza is the best known. He is the "dean" of the county sheriffs, having been first elected in 1971. He currently serves as president of the CA State Sheriffs Assn. Other sheriffs previously mentioned by CALPEEK as not running in 1994 include San Bernardino Co.'s Cois Byrd; Riverside Co.'s Dick Williams; and Placer Co.'s Donald J. Nunes...

...At this point, according to CALPEEK sources, Orange Co.'s Brad Gates will seek reelection and will not run for LG in the June GOP primary. Gates was first elected in 1975 and with Cardoza's retirement, would be one of the senior county sheriffs in Calif...

...In Santa Cruz Co., there are at least 5 candidates. They include Police Lt. Michael Aluffi; Dep. DA Joseph Henard; former Dep. Sheriff Rodney Sanford, who has hired consultant Herb Williams; Dep. Sheriff Mark Tracy; and a Richard Quigley, occupation unknown...

...In Solano Co., there are six candidates seeking to replace Cardoza. They include Vacaville PD officer Steven Trojanowski; Vallejo PD Lt. Jim Jaksch; Dep. Sheriff Gary Gordon; Vacaville PD Lt. Larry Krannichfeld; Dep. Sheriff Gary Pope; and retired Vacaville PD Chief Gary Tatum...

...In Nevada Co., there six candidates. They include Nevada City PD Chief Mel McDougal; Sheriffs Dept. Sgt. Troy Arbaugh; Sacto Co. Sheriffs Lt. Keith Royal; Sheriffs Lt. Lawrence Lewis; and Neal Allbee and Donald Foreman, occupations unknown. Stay tuned...

WHAT'S WRONG WITH CLINTON HEALTH PLAN??

Alain Enthoven, professor of business at Stanford Univ., who is known as the inventor of "managed care," will critique the Clinton Health Plan, 6:30 p.m., Mar. 2, Santa Clara Marriott Hotel. The program is sponsored by The Commonwealth Club of CA. For info & RSVPs, call (415)597-6705...

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CA INITIATIVE UPDATE: REPEAL OF MOBILEHOME RENT LAWS IS BEING FOUGHT BY SENIOR CITIZENS.

Editor's note: The last time mobilehome park landlords attempted a similar initiative (Prop. 10) in 1980, it was crushed by a 2-to-1 margin. Now the mobilehome landlords are back again with another initiative. Here is CALPEEK's update...

..."**Mobilehome Rent Assistance. Mobilehome Rent Control Restrictions,**" is the official title of a statute submitted by Peter H. Adams of Californians for Mobilehome Fairness (310)448-7002. If it qualifies for the November 1994 ballot, it would invalidate existing State mobilehome rent control laws and prohibit new State laws; limit current *local* mobilehome rent control law and ban new *local* laws. Adams has until June 27 to collect 384,984 signatures, but in reality the sponsor must submit signatures by April 22 if he is to qualify. Sources says Adams and his group have hired American Petition Consultants to gather names...

...In the meantime, the Golden State Mobilehome Assn. (GSMA represents those who live in the parks) has started a counter-campaign to keep the measure from qualifying. GSMA has hired consultant Steve Hopcraft. GSMA claims if this measure were to become law, "thousands of elderly mobilehome owners would face eviction from their retirement homes." What worries GSMA is the official title, which says in part, "Mobilehome Rent Assistance." In fact, there is a provision in this initiative to provide a rent subsidy to tenants who meet the requirement, but as Hopcraft notes, the main focus of the proposed measure is to *kill*

off mobilehome rent control laws at the State & local level. About 60 counties & cities have enacted local rent control laws aimed at mobilehome parks. The Western Mobilehome Assn. is supporting the qualification effort. Stay tuned...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

- Nevada Co. Sup. Bill Schultz has been elected president of the Regional Council of Rural Counties at their annual meeting. Other officers include: Mono Co. Sup. Bill Reid, vp; Modoc Co. Sup. Nancy J. Huffman, treas.; and Placer Co. Sup. Phil Ozenick, sect...

- Walter W. Mosher Jr., president of Precision Dynamics Corp., has been elected Chairman of the Valley Industry & Commerce Assn.(VICA)...

- Joan Kraden, former COS to Assemblyman Richard Katz(D-Sepulveda), has joined Marathon Communications in L.A...

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